

## POSTMASTERS ARE PORTER'S

EVEN BEFORE HIS TERM BEGINS  
HELL NAME 'EM.

And that's what Congressman Wadsworth's son, the Speaker, wants to see the President about. According to Report From Washington—6 Vacancies Before March.

Peter Porter picked a peck of picked postmasters.

A bunch of New York State Republican Congressmen were in town yesterday, most of them at the Hotel Manhattan. They had all sorts of gossip concerning the situation in Washington and some of them had some news. The news was to the effect that Speaker James W. Wadsworth, Jr., did not call on President Roosevelt at the White House the other day for the purpose of protesting against the appointment by Gov. Hughes of Frederick C. Stevens of Attica to be State Superintendent of Public Works, for the reason that Speaker Wadsworth did not know at the time of his call that Mr. Hughes was going to appoint Mr. Stevens.

The mission of Speaker Wadsworth, it was declared by these Republican Congressmen yesterday, was to discuss with the President a report that Peter A. Porter, elected Congressman for the Thirty-fourth district to succeed James W. Wadsworth, Sr., was to control the nomination of postmasters in the district up to March 4, when Representative Wadsworth is to retire. The Republican Congressmen said that there will be nine new postmasters named before March 4 in the district, which is made up of the counties of Wyoming, Livingston, Genesee, Orleans and Niagara, and that Mr. Porter is to name the nine candidates.

"Then the visit of the Speaker to the President was without avail," reiterated the Republican Congressmen. "You see Representative Wadsworth and the Speaker himself have not been altogether wise since election day in insisting that President Roosevelt's attitude in the Thirty-fourth district brought about the defeat of Representative Wadsworth."

Representative Wadsworth has declined utterly to visit the President at the White House and for that matter so has Speaker Wadsworth, and it was not until the Wadsworths learned that the President was to recognize Mr. Porter in the naming of these nine new postmasters that the Speaker, representing his father, consented to call upon the President.

"The Wadsworths have been bitter, and, of course, the President has been aware of most of their comments, and while he was polite with the Speaker the other night the Speaker got no satisfaction whatever from the President, and the Wadsworths now know that Mr. Porter, even before his term begins, is to control nominations for postmaster in the district. This perhaps is rather unusual, but then, too, it may be said that the attitude of the Wadsworths to the President was unusual."

Representative Wadsworth has felt keenly his defeat, it was said by the Republican Congressmen, because at the end of the term, had he been elected, he was to turn over if possible to his son his seat in the House, which he has occupied for so many years, nearly twenty.

## PICTURE SUNDERS THE PICKS.

Mrs. Pick Finally Havin' a Mr. Pick Arrested for Swindling a Client.

Demeter Pick, a travelling salesman employed by a firm at 514 Pearl street, was locked up yesterday afternoon in the West 125th street station on the complaint of his wife, Jessie, of 208 West 140th street, that he stole from her an original painting by Guido Reni, called "Lucretia with the Dagger."

Mrs. Pick said that both she and her husband were members of good families in England and came over here several years ago. She told the police that she owned the three by four feet painting by Reni before they were married, and for that reason had many times refused to sell it, though \$5,000 had been offered for it.

"Just before Christmas I returned from a three months stay in England," said Mrs. Pick, "and found the painting missing. I asked my husband about it, and he said he had taken it to a Fifth Avenue art dealer to have it appraised. He said he was a little short of cash, and thought if he could get more than \$5,000 for it he would sell it. I told him the painting belonged to me, and he declined to tell me where it was and we had many quarrels about it until last Saturday night, when he told me to go to the kitchen and get a glass of water. I went to the kitchen and found him there. Then he put on his things and went away, leaving me almost destitute."

Sergeant Maher was so affected by Mrs. Pick's story that he sent Detectives Campbell and Walsh right down to Pick's office in Pearl street, where Mrs. Pick pointed him out, and he was hustled up to the lockup.

Pick wouldn't have a word to say about the painting. He was released on bail bonds signed by Magistrate Walsh after he had been locked up for two hours. He has been living in a boarding house at 13 Southern avenue, Brooklyn, since he was released. In talking about the case last night Mrs. Pick said that her husband had got the painting for a debt, and had decided it over to her after their marriage.

## BANKER COHEN OUT OF JAIL.

Both Sides to Drop Criminal Charges and Talk Differences to Civil Courts.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 19.—Henry Cohen, head of the banking house of Henry Cohen & Co., 71 Broadway, New York, will probably never face the charges of embezzlement made against him by H. G. Kimmick, the Pittsburgh representative of Henry Cohen & Co., as the result of which Cohen spent last night in the county jail.

Cohen was released this morning, his attorney, Homer L. Castle, securing bail for him in the amount of \$5,000. Cohen went to the office of Attorney Castle, where a conference was held with Attorney H. G. Graham, counsel for Kimmick.

Kimmick is out under \$1,000 bail on a charge made by Cohen of embezzling about \$1,000,000 in cash and securities. Both sides are the result of an alleged attempt on the part of Kimmick to oust Cohen as treasurer of the Meyersdale and Salisbury Railway Company. Kimmick tried to get control for himself by voting an obsolete issue of stock.

At the conference between Cohen and Attorney Castle and Graham an understanding was reached that the criminal charges against both Cohen and Kimmick should be dropped and the whole matter taken into the civil courts.

Cohen was not favorably impressed with the accommodations at the jail. He was forced to spend the night in a cheerless cell at 6 o'clock this morning was awakened to take his breakfast, consisting of a thin cup of black coffee and two slices of bread. He passed up the breakfast and hurried to a restaurant as soon as he was freed.

## Pawned His Stock of Diamonds.

John H. Patten, doing business as Gleason & Patten, dealers in jewelry and diamonds at 111 West 125th street, against whom a petition in bankruptcy was filed January 9, has filed schedules showing liabilities of \$25,000 and assets unknown.

Well & Purvin, representing the petitioning creditors, and the receiver, Charles F. Howard, have been examining Mr. Patten to ascertain what has become of his assets. They said yesterday that he testified that he had pawned his stock of diamonds and jewelry to a pawnshop, but he could not tell how much he had pawned or the names of the pawnbrokers, but he promised to turn over the pawn tickets on Monday.

## LOOKING INTO BANGS'S RECORD.

Many Charges Circulated Against the Bidder for Canal Contract.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The Isthmian Canal Commission is making a thorough investigation of the record of Anson M. Bangs, partner of William J. Oliver in their proposition to build the Panama Canal.

Many charges have been circulated against Mr. Bangs and these are the ones which are under investigation. The allegations concern Mr. Bangs's past accomplishments, the idea being to show that he is not a responsible bidder. Among other things is the charge that he was implicated in the Savannah River frauds a number of years ago. This matter has been investigated before when Mr. Bangs has been a low bidder on Government work.

When a contract for building the Harbor of Refuge in Delaware Bay was given to Mr. Bangs a few years ago the Judge Advocate General of the army and the Attorney-General of the United States looked into this phase of Mr. Bangs's career and found nothing to prevent his having the award. It is learned, however, that the Federal Construction Company, of which Mr. Bangs is a part, is far behind in its work on the Bay Ridge and Red Hook dredging job near Brooklyn. The company is said to be losing money on the contract and is not making satisfactory progress.

The Isthmian Canal officers, however, have been informed by representatives of Oliver & Bangs that the contract will be completed in time.

Mr. Oliver and Mr. Bangs will appear before Chairman Shonts of the Canal Commission on Monday for a hearing. Mr. Shonts has telegraphed the two men that their bid will receive prior consideration over all others, and if they can show their ability and capacity to do the work they will certainly get the contract.

## TO SETTLE BOUNDARY FIGHT.

The Long Standing Dispute Between New Jersey and Delaware Nearing an End.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The fight between Delaware and New Jersey over the water boundary between the two States within a twelve mile circle at the head of Delaware Bay which has been in progress for three-quarters of a century will undoubtedly be settled by the passage by Congress of a joint resolution ratifying an amicable agreement reached by the commission appointed by the Legislatures of the two States. This agreement was reached more than a year ago. It set forth the jurisdiction of each State within the disputed waters, and in accordance with the acts of the Legislatures of the two States was submitted to Congress for approval.

Last winter the resolution of ratification was passed by the Senate, but was held up in the House committee by Representative Burton of Delaware at the request of that State's representatives on the joint commission. The prosecution of the case was suspended in the Supreme Court pending the settlement of the matter in this way. But at the opening of the present term, in October last, when the case was called, Attorney-General McCarter of New Jersey argued that it be set for a hearing on the failure of Delaware to sanction the compromise. At the request of her counsel the case was further postponed until February 4 to enable Congress to act.

Yesterday an agreement was reached between Representative Burton and the New Jersey Congressmen by which Mr. Burton withdrew his opposition to the ratification resolution, and it will be reported to the House by Representative Parker. The case passed the Supreme Court, which has been on the docket since 1877, will be dropped and the controversy ended.

## IN THE HOUSE.

Many Bills Passed, Including Sixty-one Private Claims or Relief Bills.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—A joint resolution was passed by the House of Representatives today appointing former Senator George Gray of Delaware a regent of the Smithsonian Institution.

A bill was passed granting a right of way through Fort Wright military reservation in Washington to the Spokane and Inland Empire Railroad Company, also bills to make better the Washington and Oregon route, authorizing the licensing of second mates on vessels of 700 tons and upward carrying passengers for hire to the command of the watch, restoring two townships in Pennington county, South Dakota, heretofore exempted to the operation of the land permitting agricultural land to be entered and forest reserves in the period within which the city of St. Louis may construct a bridge across the Mississippi River.

An agreement was then perfected to take up private claims or relief bills, which were in order yesterday, and try to clear the calendar of this class of measures, or such as were not objected to. Sixty-one bills were passed, one an omnibus bill covering eleven items.

At the close of the House will be held tomorrow for the delivery of eulogies on the late Senator Bate of Tennessee, on which occasion Mr. Sims of that State will act as spokesman.

## Rear Admiral Brownson to Be Chief of the Bureau of Navigation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Announcement was made at the Navy Department today that Rear Admiral W. H. Brownson, now commanding the Asiatic station, will succeed Rear Admiral George A. Converse as Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, the most important assignment in the Department, on April 20. Rear Admiral James H. Dayton, now commanding the Philippines squadron of the fleet, will succeed Admiral Brownson.

Admiral Converse went on the retired list last May, but has since remained in charge of the bureau.

## Engagement Announced.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The engagement of Miss Georgiana Randolph Harrington of Warrenton, Va., to William Wittle of Norfolk, is announced here and in London, where Miss Harrington is spending the winter visiting her father's estate.

She is the daughter of the late Percy W. Harrington of County Surrey, England, and is well known in Washington and London. The wedding will take place early in May at Waverly, the country home of the bride's mother, near Warrenton.

## Dinner Hosts in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The dinner hosts of this evening include Justice and Mrs. Anderson, Senator and Mrs. Elkins, Senator and Mrs. Dryden, Senator and Mrs. Bulkeley, Col. Robert H. Harper, Mr. Thomas F. Walsh, Judge and Mrs. Howery, the Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry and Col. and Mrs. Brownell.

## Movements of Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The collier Hanstul, the gunboat Eagle and the torpedo boat Whipple have arrived at Guantanamo and the collier Arethusa and the gunboat Prairie at the New York yard.

## News of Plays and Players.

The seat sale for David Warfield's engagement at the Academy of Music will begin Thursday morning, January 24. Mr. Belasco announces that Warfield's final appearances in "The Music Master" and the engagement at the Academy, which begins Monday, January 25, and continues for four weeks, will be his last in New York in this play.

Ernest Stallard, an English actor, for six years with E. S. Willard, has been engaged to appear with Henrietta Crossman in "All of a Sudden Peggy," which opens at the Bijou Theatre on February 11.

"The White Chrysanthemum," an English musical play, the music of which is by Howard Talbot, the composer of "The Three Little Maids."

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On Friday Evening Next, Jan. 25th,  
BEGINNING PROMPTLY AT 8:30 O'CLOCK.

The Sale will be Conducted by Mr. Thomas E. Kirby of  
**The American Art Association, Managers**  
6 East 23d Street, Madison Square South

**WOODRUFF OFF TO EUROPE,**  
Leaving ODELL to TALK POLITICS DAILY TO ALL CORNERS.

Former State Chairman Ranking a Good Deal on the Disappointments of Woodruff and Parsons—Stevens Drops In—Governor, He Ain't a-Sayin' Nuffin.

Frederick C. Stevens, State Superintendent of Public Works, was at the Fifth Avenue Hotel last evening on his way to Washington, where he is to attend to some personal business, returning to Albany on Tuesday. By that time he will begin to look around, Republicans said last night, for a deputy superintendent to succeed Winslow M. Mead of Rochester, who was appointed on January 1, 1895, by George W. Aldridge. Mr. Stevens himself would say nothing about a successor to Mr. Mead.

Mr. Stevens had a couple of chats with B. R. Odell, Jr., who has taken up his headquarters at the hotel for the winter. Mr. Stevens and Mr. Odell have always enjoyed friendly relations. There is a good deal going on beneath the surface in New York county Republican politics. Mr. Odell has had daily meetings with Republican executive committees who have remained friendly to him during the Parsons administration. Some of these talks with Mr. Odell yesterday at the Fifth Avenue Hotel and their whole tone of conversation afterward was that Mr. Parsons is to have another battle for political supremacy in the committee at the September primaries.

Mr. Parsons has been inclined to favor a bill which is to be introduced at Albany very shortly making the date of the primaries in New York city April 15 of each year. The anti-Parsons men in the committee would oppose any such bill. The Parsons people believe that if such a law is enacted the efforts of Mr. Odell and his friends to recapture control of the committee will be weakened.

There was no doubt in the minds of the Republicans at the hotel yesterday that both Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the Republican State committee, and President Parsons of the New York Republican county committee, who between them control the city organization, are disappointed over Gov. Hughes' appointment of William Leary to be Superintendent of Elections here and the refusal of Gov. Leary to accept the position. Mr. Leary is now Superintendent of Public Works. The Odell men are banking on this disappointment. Col. Michael J. Daly reiterated yesterday that he and his friends in Brooklyn would stick to Odell until the cows come home, and that Odell and his friends would control the State committee two years from now.

Mr. Woodruff is to leave for Europe on February 1 on a three months vacation. Among his other appointments President Roosevelt has not accepted the nomination to the appointment of a Federal Judge in Kings county. For that matter, it was said yesterday, he had not accepted the nomination to the position of a Federal Judge in Kings county. For that matter, it was said yesterday, he had not accepted the nomination to the position of a Federal Judge in Kings county.

Another adjournment was granted yesterday by Justice Maclean in the case of Senator McCareen's injunction order restraining the Democratic State committee from taking action to depose him as a member of the Democratic executive committee on the charge that he had failed to support the party in the trial cases next Tuesday. They asked that the argument go over for three weeks so that Justice Maclean could hear it, as he had issued the original order.

"My friend seems more interested in the selection of the Judge," said Mr. Maguire, "than in the case itself."

Justice Maclean said he could not see what need there was for affidavits. "It is a simple question of law," he said, "as to whether or not the Democratic committee forfeits its membership by hostility to the attitude of the party."

Mr. Maguire said that he was not hostile to a candidate who is himself hostile to the ticket, said Lawyer Kapper.

## OMMEN ATTACKS M'ADOO

For Criticizing Police Commissioner Bingham and Points Out Inconsistencies.

Former Police Commissioner McAdoo's criticism of Police Commissioner Bingham was so strong throughout the State that ex-Magistrate Alfred E. Ommen moved something yesterday about the ex-Commissioner. Mr. Ommen characterized Mr. McAdoo's "outburst" against Gen. Bingham as "surprising."

"Just before Mr. McAdoo left the Police Department," said Mr. Ommen, "he and I appeared before the Civil Service Commission. This is exactly what Commissioner Bingham wants at the present time and which is in the bill now at Albany."

Mr. McAdoo argued for forty minutes for this measure at that time. He was heartily in favor of it. The application was denied by the Civil Service Commission.

"Mr. McAdoo's present criticism of Gen. Bingham's department and of the Commissioner personally is very surprising. I think that the people of the city now have a better opinion of Gen. Bingham than they had of Mr. McAdoo when he left the department. At that time the Eggers and Howell situation left an odor that is still in the nostrils of some people."

Mr. Ommen heartily supported a detail of inspectors instead of their appointment and also the abolition of the detective bureau.

## Public Didn't Care to See Carrie Nation on the Stage.

Robert E. Johnstone, a theatrical manager, who testified in the Supreme Court yesterday as a witness in a suit brought by the Strobridge Lithographing Company against him and John S. Duse, the banister and former conductor of the Metropolitan Opera House orchestra, told about Carrie Nation's failure as a star in "Ten Nights in a Bar Room." He also defined what a theatrical angel is, "one who helps, stands behind and sees the manager through."

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Carrie stood to win either way, was that it?" said the lawyer examining Johnstone. Before the show went on the rocks Johnstone was offered \$10,000 for a half interest in it, he testified. He refused, and has been sorry ever since.

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**TALK OF GRIGGS AND PITNEY**  
EITHER OR BOTH MIGHT BE PUNISHED AGAINST DRYDEN.

Attitude of the Friends of Griggs Makes It Appear That They Think Dryden Has No Chance of Winning—Unexpected Defection Occurs in Middlesex County.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 19.—Ex-Gov. John W. Griggs of Paterson and Supreme Court Justice Mahlon Pitney of Morristown are picked by most politicians about the State House as the probable contenders for United States Senator John F. Dryden's seat in the Senate when the balloting begins next Tuesday. For the past twenty-four hours an authoritative announcement has been looked for about the State House which should place either or both men actively and aggressively in the field against Mr. Dryden. Such an announcement has not been forthcoming, but the activity displayed by the closest political friends of both Mr. Griggs and Justice Pitney warrants the assertion that the campaign in their behalf is in each instance being conducted with at least the tacit consent of each principal.

Justice Pitney's place on the bench is believed to be the only thing that deters him from becoming an avowed candidate. Mr. Griggs was a candidate against Mr. Dryden when the latter was first elected. Since then Mr. Griggs has been closely allied with Mr. Dryden's interest in the capacity of counsel, a fact which is said to have caused him to question the propriety of appearing against Mr. Dryden. That time has seemingly passed and friends of Mr. Griggs have come out quite openly to urge his claims for the place.

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**KOCH & Co.**  
Continuation  
Pre-Inventory Sale  
New reductions for Monday and Tuesday. Stocks must be diminished by January 31, and if there is power in unsparing price reductions these offerings will do it.

**Fine Furs at Half Prices**  
FOX TIES; were \$12.50, now..... 6.95  
FOX MUFFS; were \$12.95, now..... 7.95  
SABLE SQUIRREL TIES; were \$11.95, now..... 5.95  
SABLE SQUIRREL MUFFS; were \$15.95, now..... 10.50  
AMERICAN WHITE FOX TIES; were \$9.50, now..... 3.95  
AMERICAN WHITE FOX MUFFS; were \$9.95, now..... 4.50

**House Dresses and Wrappers**  
WOMEN'S HOUSE DRESSES, of German flannel; shirred at waist; front with large plaits. Also WRAPPERS OF FLANNELETTE; trimmed with ribbon; were \$2.00..... 1.49  
WOMEN'S WRAPPERS, of flannelette; several different styles; in polka dots and stripes; were \$1.25..... 89c

**Children's Coats and Robes**  
CHILDREN'S COATS